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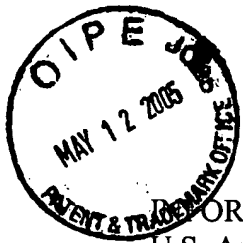
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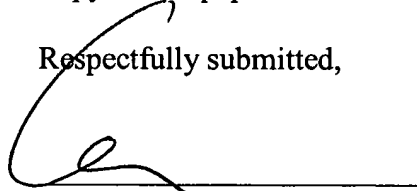
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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,571,220, which corresponds to KR 2000-6035, and a copy of U.S. Patent No. 6,622,249, which corresponds to KR 1999-88293.

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		US 6,571,	B1	05-27-2003	Ogino et.al
		US 6,622,	B1	09-16-2003	Komura et.al
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